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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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NONE

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 2002/0179564 A1 (GEOBEGAN et al) 05 December 2002 (05.12.2002), abstract and paragraphs 0049-0092.	1-95
A	US 6,262,129 B1 (MURRAY et al) 17 July 2001 (07.17.2001), columns 6-8.	32-95
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